മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: വടകരപ്പതി പഞ്ചായത്തിൽപെട്ട ഒരു കിണർ പ ണി പൂത്തീകരിക്കുന്നതിനു മുമ്പുതന്നെ അതു് ഇടിഞ്ഞുപൊളിഞ്ഞു വീണ" കുറെയധികം ന ഷ്ടം വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു നാട്ടുകാർ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനെ അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: That question does not arise under this, because the question relates only to departmental execution of works. That is a work executed by a contractor. I don't think it comes under this question.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: ആ കിണർ പണി നടത്തിയതു് വടകരപ്പതി പ ഞ്ചായത്തിൽനിന്നല്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: കരാർ കൊടുത്തു നടത്തിച്ചതാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: ആർക്കാണ" അതിന്റെ കരാറു കൊടുത്തിരുന്നതു"?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: അതിനു വേറെ ഒരു ചോദ്യം അയച്ചാൽ മറുപടി പറ യാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: കിഴപ്പിള്ളിക്കര പഞ്ചായത്തിൽപെട്ട പന്നിക്കുളത്തി ൽനിന്നും പുഴയിലേക്കുള്ള തോട്ടിൽ ഒരു ബണ്ടു"കെട്ടിയതു" പൊട്ടിപ്പോയതിനാൽ അതു വീ ണ്ടും ഉടനെ കെട്ടണമെന്നു" നാട്ടുകാർ അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു" ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടു നേരിട്ടു നടത്തി യ പണിയല്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: നോട്ടീസ്സു" വേണം.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister, who is a popular Minister, thinks that such an evasive answer is proper for such an important question like this.

Mr. President: Order, order, that asks for an expression of opinion.

PANCHAYAT ROADS IN AKATHIYUR VILLAGE

270. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total length of the Panchayat roads in Akathiyur village of Talappalli Taluk;

(*b*) the total area of that village in square miles?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) The total length of the Panchayat road in Akathiyur village is 1 mile and 6 furlongs.

(*b*) The total area of the village is 1·92 sq. miles.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether the local Panchayat has not submitted any road programme to be taken up by the Government?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I have no information. The Panchayats are given lump allotments and they are at prefect liberty to construct roads according to availablity of funds at their disposal.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether there is not pending with the Government a request that a road connecting the parayilpadam with certin elementary school called E. V. S—a way running through deep paddy fields.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I am sorry, I want notice.

ROAD METALLING IN THIRUVILLUAMALA PANCHAYAT—EXCESS GRANT FOR

271. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any excess has been given to the Panchayat President of Thiruvilluamala for road metalling;

(*b*) if so, what is the total amount and the percentage of excess;

(*c*) the percentage of excess granted to the Palayannur Panchayat for such works:

(*d*) whether the road metalling was reported to be worse than that of Palayannur Panchayat;

(*e*) whether the Thiruvilluamala Panchayat President and the Hon'ble Minister are not mutual brothers-in law;

(*f*) will Government be pleased to place the connected file on the Council table?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) to (*d*) The question is not clear as to which years road metalling the Hon'ble Member is referring to.

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(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Please see answer to (*a*) to (*d*).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister will be pleased to give the information if it is for the years 1119 and 1118?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* No road metalling was done in these years.

PATTANCHERI PANCHAYAT—TANK FOR

272. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how stands the consideration to give a tank to the people of Pattanchery for bathing purposes;

(*b*) has the acquisition of site been over ;

(*c*) if not, why this delay ;

(*d*) how long has this subject been before the Ministry for Rural Development ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The site for the construction of the tank has not been fixed.

(*b*) See answer to (*a*).

(*c*) N. Dakshayani Amma of Nayar House, Pattancheri complained against the site proposed and it was dropped. Another site is being selected.

(*d*) About six years.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* May I know whether the selection of the site was not entrusted to the Chittur Members of this Committee.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. Including the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Why was that not taken up?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* : I have answered that question. The owner of that tank N. Dakshayani Amma complained that that tank is situated close to her house and that the acquisition may be dropped. I inspected the site and found that there is some justification in the complaint, and as the public wanted a tank which could be utilised by the public of the locality, I thought it would be better to acquire another site suitable for all classes.

Mr. A. Eachara Monon *(Chittur-Rural):* Has the Minister enquired whether these members also ascertained the opinion of the owner when they selected the site?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It seems this Dakshavani Amma consented to the members to have the tank there but latterly she changed her mind and put in a petition and I had no other go but to change.

Mr. K. S. Panickar *(Exhauvas-Mukundapuam):* Answer to sub-division (c) N. Dakshayani Amma of Nayar House, Pattanchery complained against the site proposed and it was dropped. Another site is being selected. എന്ന പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഏതാണ് ആ സ്ഥലം?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ Being selected എന്നേ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളൂ. Select ചെയ്യുന്നു എന്നേ ഷമേ പറയാൻ തരമുള്ളൂ.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know when that particular site was dropped.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* About three months back.

TENANCY ACT—AMENDMENT OF

273. Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether on 11th Meenam 1118 corresponding to 24th March 1943, when the Member for Kanayannur was to present the report of the Select Committee on his Tenancy Act (Amendment) Bill the Advocate-General gave on behalf of the Government an assurance to this House that the Government would bring a Bill to amend the Cochin Tenancy Act during the Vrischigam Meeting in 1119;

(*b*) whether the Member for Kanayannur refrained from moving his Bill on the basis of such assurance;

(*c*) whether the Government appointed a Committee to examine the question of amending the Tenancy Act and drafting the necessary legislation in pursuance of the assurance given on the floor of this House ;

(*d*) whether the Committee has submitted the report and the draft Bill, and if so when;

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